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SUBJ: REACTIONS IN BIEN HOA TO PRESIDENT THIEU'S APRIL 4

SPEECH AND CHANGE OF PRIME MINISTERS

BASIC TO REACTIONS TO THE SPEECH AND CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IS THE
WIDESPREAD DISENCHANTMENT WITH PRESIDENT THIEU AND HIS LEADERSHIP
SINCE THE DISASTERS IN MRS 1 AND 2. FROM THE LIMITED SAMPLING
WHICH HAS BEEN POSSIBLE THIS MORNING, WE SEE NO INDICATION THAT
THE SPEECH AND CHANGE OF PRIME MINISTERS HAS CHANGED THIS BASIC
BROAD PUBLIC DISENCHANTMENT. SOME VIETNAMESE HAVE COMMENTED THAT
THEY DID NOT LISTEN TO THE ENTIRE SPEECH AND OTHERS SAID THEY
WERE NOT INTERESTED. STILL OTHERS SAID THAT SINCE THE FALL OF
DANANG, PRESIDENTIAL ASSURANCES AND STATEMENTS THAT THE GOVERN-
MENT WILL DEFEND TERRITORY TO THE LAST ARE NOT CREDIBLE. WE ARE
TOLD THAT TALK IN THE MARKETPLACE THIS MORNING CENTERED FAR MORE
ON WHERE PEOPLE COULD GO WHEN THE COMMUNISTS COME THAN ON THE
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PRESIDENT'S SPEECH OR THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIGNATION. SOME

MIDDLE-GRADE OFFICERS AT MR3 WERE HEARD TO GIVE THEIR BELIEF
THAT PRESIDENT THIEU HAS WANTED TO GET RID OF THE PRIME
MINISTER FOR SOME TIME AND SEIZED THE PRESENT OCCASION TO DO SO.
THE ONLY COMMENT HEARD REGARDING THE NEW PRIME MINISTER WAS THAT
HE HAS BEEN WEAK AND UNIMPRESSIVE IN THE PAST.
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